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The first two tasks are necessary to provide the **waisindex** program with a stream of documents to index. The third task is necessary to enable the **waisserver** filtering mechanism to return external data to a client process.

To review, WAIS server integration with an external database is accomplished as depicted in the upper right-hand corner of Figure 4: An index directory is build for the external database contents with the help of a custom dump program and a custom parse format. A filter declaration is included in the database-specific configuration file, **index.wc**, to point to a custom filter program that knows how to retrieve and possibly modify external data.

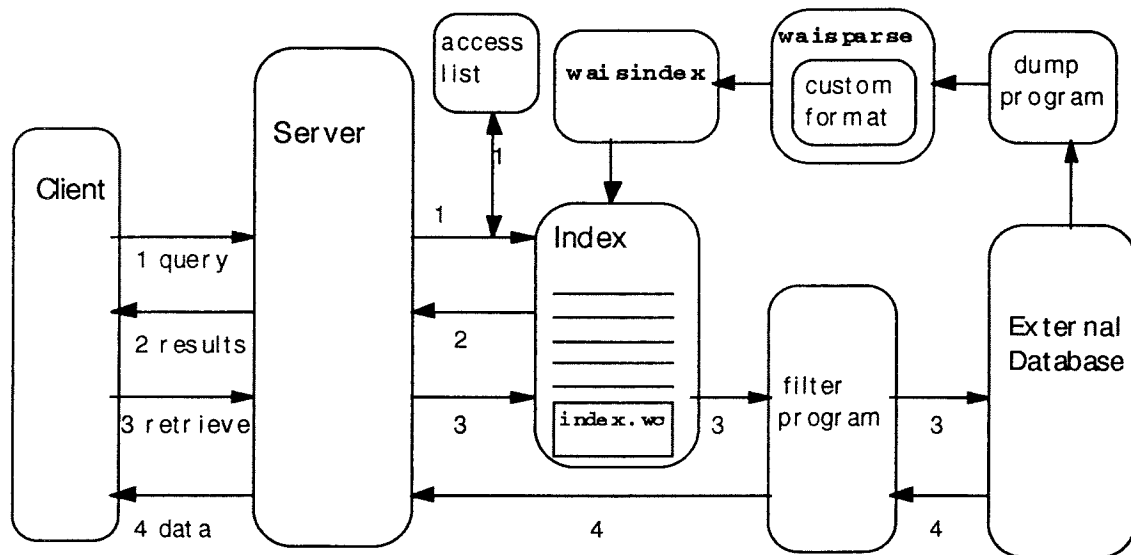


Figure 4. Serving an External Database

Once in place, using a WAIS server to access a non-WAIS database operates as depicted by the numbered arrows in Figure 4: First, the user issues a query (1). This causes a client process to send a search request to the WAIS server, which initiates a **waisserver** process. The **waisserver** process checks the access list to make sure the client's request is allowable. Assuming it is, the server process then reads the **index.wc** file to get any run-time parameters affecting this database. Next, the server process consults the index files, which have been created with the help of a custom parse format, and returns (2) a search results list of headlines to the client. If the user asks to see one of the documents found, the client process sends a retrieval request (3) to the




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